

Upcoming Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant Round



Application packets are available for the Fiscal Year 2024 HPF Matching Grant Program on the DHPA's website: dnr.IN.gov/historic-preservation/help-for-owners/financial-assistance/grants. This program assists certain types of local preservation projects conducted by municipal and county governments, not-for-profit organizations, and colleges and universities. This year's grant application deadline is Friday, Oct. 6 at 5p.m. Projects selected for funding can begin around June 1, 2024 and must be completed by June 20, 2026.

Match Requirements:

HPF grant awards are made using federal funds from the National Park Service. Local matching funds are required from any non-federal source. Most projects require a dollar-for-dollar local match for a 50:50 grant-to-match ratio. However, projects undertaken by Certified Local Government communities qualify for a 60:40 funding ratio, while applicants undertaking archaeological survey projects qualify for a 70:30 funding ratio. Applicants must document that they have all required non-federal matching funds available at the time of application.

Eligible Projects:

There are three project categories, and each one has its own application packet.

- The Architectural & Historical Category assists preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for identified historic districts, design guidelines for use by local preservation commissions, local historic preservation plans, and plans and specifications to guide future rehabilitation of historic buildings that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maximum grant: \$50,000. Matching ratio: 50/50 or 60/40.
- The Archaeological Category assists surveys to identify and document sites on DNR properties; surveys that address data deficiencies prioritized by the DHPA; or that will nominate eligible sites to the National Register. Maximum grant: \$50,000. Matching ratio: 70/30.
- The Acquisition & Development Category assists rehabilitation of historic buildings that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Rehabilitated buildings must accept a protective covenant for a period of five, 10, or 15 years. Maximum grant: \$75,000. Matching ratio: 50/50 or 60/40.



*Workingmen's Institute slate roof replacement
(New Harmony, Posey Co.)*



*St. Mary-of-the-Woods Music Conservatory
entrance rehabilitation (Vigo Co.)*

Certified Local Governments are encouraged to apply! Projects in CLG communities can partner with the local government to submit a proposal and designate a third-party administrator as the project sponsor. There are currently 24 CLGs in Indiana: *Bloomington, Carmel, Crawfordsville, Crown Point, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Hobart, Huntington, Lafayette, LaPorte, Logansport, Madison, Mishawaka, unincorporated Monroe County, Muncie, Nappanee, New Albany, Newburgh, Pendleton, Richmond, South Bend, unincorporated St. Joseph County, and West Lafayette.*

Updates for FY2024:

- NEW for this grant round, only ONE hard copy of the proposal needs to be submitted in addition to a digital copy on a USB thumb drive or CD. Proposals (both paper and electronic) must still be received at the DHPA by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023.
- The Administrative Priorities have been rearranged, so pay close attention to the new order of the criteria.
- The Archaeological Category has been expanded to include survey projects in areas where the DHPA has identified a data deficiency. Refer to the Archaeological Goals and Objectives for target areas. The category also includes projects that will nominate archaeology sites to the National Register. The DHPA is still emphasizing surveys on DNR properties to identify and document sites on state-owned land, but encourages proposals for other properties or nominations as well.



Alexander Memorial rehabilitation (Bloomington, Monroe Co.)

More information about the HPF Matching Grant Program and the application packets for each category can be found at dnr.IN.gov/historic-preservation/help-for-owners/financial-assistance/grants. For additional help or guidance, please contact the DHPA Grant Staff: Malia Vanaman at mvanaman@dnr.IN.gov or 317-232-1648, or Steve Kennedy at skennedy@dnr.IN.gov or 317-232-6981.